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Pension Application of John Cole S39344

VA

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Commonwealth of Virginia }

Dinwiddie County Sct }

On this 15th day of November 1819 Before the County the County Court of Dinwiddie then sitting personally appeared John Cole, aged seventy four years, resident in the County of Dinwiddie in the said District, who being before the said Court, first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said John Cole enlisted for the term of one year, on the [blank] day of September in the year 1775, in Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Richard K. Meade [Richard Kidder Meade], of the second Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia, on the continental establishment; That he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, as a private soldier or Sergeant until May 1777, at which time he was promoted to the command of an Ensign, which command he he held until sometime in the subsequent fall, when he was promoted to the command of a Lieutenant, in which command he continued until June 1778, at which time he was promoted to the command of a Captain, all of which time he was in the service of the United States; and then being among the junior Officers, was with many others, sent home as a supernumerary and so remained until the close of the War; That he was in the battles of the Great Bridge [9 Dec 1775] and of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; that his Commission was destroyed by accident, and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services, except the subjoined Certificates.

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Peter Epes [sic: Peter Eppes, pension application S8424] being first duly sworn before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County deposes, that he was in the same Brigade, with the within mentioned John Cole, that he knew him the said Cole, as a Serjeant in the 2nd Reg't of a Company of Capt. Meade, in the year 1776 and that in the year 1778 he knew him as an Officer of the grade of a Lieutenant as he believes.

Hubert Gregory/ 9th November 1819

[John Crawford (S8256) also made a supporting statement.]

[The following are among the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Certify that John Cole served in the 2nd Virginia Regiment from the year 1775 untill [one or more illegible words] in the company Commanded by Captain Richard Meade, and after his promotion by Capt Wood Jones, who resigned and that the said Cole then acted as Captain Lieutenant to the said Company – during which term he performed his duty as Captain Lieutenant regularly – given under my hand this first day of April 1803. E Gill Lieut in the 2nd Virginia Regt. till the [two illegible words] and afterwards [rest of online image missing]

I do hereby Certify that John Cole inlisted in the 2nd Virginia Regiment for one year, after which he Inlisted for three years and was then appointed a Lieutenant in 1777 and served as such in the above mentioned Regiment John Crawford Lieut/ 2nd Virg'a. Reg't.

Dinwiddie County to wit/ April Court 1803 [18 Apr 1803]

This day John Cole came into Court and made Oath that he never rec'd. any compensation in Lands for his services rendered during the late War with Great Britain. That he unfortunately got his Commission wet & destroyed & consequently never made application for the same.

It appears by the books in this office that a certificate issued in the name of Capt John Cole on the 14th August 1783 for One hundred fifteen pounds and three pence for the balance of the full pay in the Continental line
Sam'l Shepard/ [illegible] Office/ 10th May 1803

NOTE: In the [rejected-claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is a letter referring to a claim by Capt. John Cole's unnamed heirs living in Nansemond County.